



**CLARKSTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 5232 AND SENATE BILL 720,  
LEGISLATION TO AMEND THE MICHIGAN LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS ACT**

**By Clarkston Historic District Commission:**

**WHEREAS, historic preservation is declared to be a public purpose under Section 2.01 of Clarkston ordinance 118, to safeguard the heritage of Clarkston's historic district in order to reflect elements of the City of the Village of Clarkston's history, architecture, archaeology, engineering or culture; stabilize and improve property values in each district and the surrounding areas; foster civic beauty; strengthen the local economy; and promote the use of historic districts for the education, pleasure, and welfare of the citizens of the City of the Village of Clarkston and of the State of Michigan; and**

**WHEREAS, 1970 Public Act 169, the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act enables local units of government to establish historic districts; and**

**WHEREAS, the positive benefits of historic districts on the economic development, quality of life and general welfare of the people of the City of the Village of Clarkston are well established; and**

**WHEREAS, Clarkston, whether as a village or as a city, has designated and administered its historic district successfully and proudly for several decades, beginning in 1980; and**

**WHEREAS, Clarkston actively maintains and supports its historic district; and**

**WHEREAS, such amendments pose an immediate threat to the continued preservation of Clarkston's historic resources, currently protected by PA 169; and**

**WHEREAS, a report from the House Fiscal Agency suggests that the legislation as written would "increase the costs of local units of government attempting to set up new or modify existing historic districts" as well as the renewal process stated above; NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED, that the Clarkston Historic District Commission of the City of the Village of Clarkston hereby urges the House Committee on Local Government, the Senate Committee on Local Government, and the entire state legislature to reject House Bill 5232 of 2016, and Senate Bill 720 of 2016, as written, AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the House Committee on Local Government, the Senate Committee on Local Government, the state representative and state senator who represent Clarkston, and to the Governor of the State of Michigan.**

***Motioned by Clarkston Historic District Commission Member Cara Catallo. Seconded by Commission Member David Bihl. All commissioners present voted in favor February 9, 2016.***



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WHEREAS, 1970 Public Act 169, the Michigan Local Historic Districts Act enables local units of government to establish historic districts that help to preserve the heritage of our community; and

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*Clarkston Community Historical Society Board of Directors, February 12, 2016*

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